



Dr. John G. Popowich

February 17, 2016

Popowich, Dr. John age 83, of Naples, FL and Eden Prairie, MN passed peacefully at home surrounded by family February 17, 2016 after a short illness with melanoma. Raised in St. Clair, the coal mine region of eastern PA, Jack helped his parents run their ma and pa grocery store. In high school, he played baseball, delivered groceries and danced with the girls. Graduated Ursinus College in PA '58. Class President Jack married Class Secretary Joan Higgins and celebrated their golden anniversary. This Ursinus "most distinguished" athlete played shortstop. After college, he turned down the opportunity to play professional baseball to attend Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia PA. Baseball remained his passion. He trained at Hartford Hospital for his pathology residency. Drafted into the US Army Medical Corps, Major Popowich served at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. In Minneapolis, Jack practiced surgical pathology at St. Barnabas Hospital and Metropolitan Medical Center serving as Medical Director. Principal of Lufkin Medical Laboratories for 18 years, he sold to Smith Kline in '86. Founder of Three Rivers Pathology. He volunteered at Hennepin County Medical Society, now Twin Cities Medical Society. An avid Apple computer fan, Jack was a frequent visitor to the Genius Bar. He scored a hole-in-one at the Broadmoor and twice won the Stonebridge Country Club Championship. His family loved trips to the Jersey Shore, mountains, dude ranches, cruises, and Europe. Annual boat trips down the Mississippi, fishing trips to Canada, and bocce ball tournaments with friends were the best. Jack loved music and dancing. On a

cruise in Bordeaux France he danced with The Fabulous Fourteen, delighting these women. Preceded in death by wife Joan and parents John E. and Susan H. Popowich. Survived by wife Ginny Orth, children Janice (Washington DC) Jack (Bend OR) Tom (Portland OR) Diane (Dallas TX) and Carol (Dan) McNairy (Bend OR); grandchildren Steph, Finnegan, Henry, Harper, Max; brother Bob (Janet) Popowich (Naples FL) and sister Mildred Lazo (Doyleston PA); nieces, nephews, and Ginny's family-Orths, Thompsons and McLeans. Memorial Mass 11 AM on Monday, Feb. 22nd, 2016 at Pax Christi Catholic Community, 12100 Pioneer Trail in Eden Prairie with a visitation beginning at 9:30 AM. Lunch to follow. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Tuesday Feb. 23rd, 2016 at 10 AM. Memorials preferred to Twin Cities Medical Society Foundation, 1300 Godward St. NE, Suite 2000, Minneapolis, MN 55413. metrodocs.com Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Community
12100 Pioneer Trail
Eden Prairie, MN 55347-4553
(952) 941-3150

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ *What terribly sad news to learn today of Jack's passing. What a wonderful, gracious fun-loving person he was. Am so very sorry to have missed the service and will very much miss his great emails and photos. My condolences to Diane and the rest of the family. RIP Jack, Love, Jan Elliott*

Janet Elliott - March 07, 2016 at 03:32 PM

JA

“ *When my dad was in the military in Denver, Colorado he was trained to salute superior officers. They trained him too well. He was in his uniform at the Denver airport when two officers in uniform walked by. He stopped, and gave them a strong military salute. The officers looked at each other and gave my dad a little chuckle and said they the airline pilots! way to go dad.*

love janice

janice - March 01, 2016 at 12:06 PM

CA

“ *I cannot find enough words to express my extreme sadness to learn of Jack's passing. I had the pleasure to meet him, through Ginny, & helped him update his Florida condo. He & Ginny became more than clients to me. I truly loved this man, his wisdom, his delightful sense of humor. My condolences to his family.. It was such an honour to have him come into my life, I shall never forget him. I'm so devastated.*



carole - February 20, 2016 at 06:32 PM

DS

“ David Sanford purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. John G. Popowich.



David Sanford - February 18, 2016 at 07:31 PM

AC

“ To the Popowich family, I extend my condolence. If you can imagine the time when John will be resurrected back to life on earth where there will be no more old age, sickness or having to worry about dying again, then you have a glimpse of what life will be like under God's Kingdom that we pray for when saying the "Lord's Prayer." To verify this promise in your Bible, read Isaiah twentysix nineteen, Job thirtythree twentyfive, Isaiah thirtythree twentyfour, Isaiah twentyfive eight and Matthew six ten. We can put our faith and confidence in these promises because we know God does not lie as stated at Numbers twentythree nineteen.

AcarT - February 18, 2016 at 12:58 PM